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Mr. Chester Bowles, US Representative from Connecticut was questioned on WRC-NBC program "Meet The Press" about the State Department's statement on Khrushchev's charges (about the American pilot Powers and the U-2 flight). He said that the incident was "the most embarrassing and shocking (incident) of the last seven years." He said that Khrushchev had "the evidence," which was "very bad;" and it was "worse"for the U.S. to cover it up. He acknowledged that the Administration "did all it could" about the Khrushchev charges, but that the incident revealed a "very deep contrast" between U. S. peace aims and such activities as the U-2 reconnaissance flight.

Mr. Bowles was asked: Are you criticizing this"activity" or are you criticizing "getting caught at it?" He replied that it was "the timing" that was bad. "If" the U.S. needed the information being sought by the U-2 flight, he said, this moment, just before the Summit conference, was "not the particular time" to engage in such activity; and that such flights should "not (be undertaken) for marginal gain." It was "highly reckless" and the U.S. should be "far more circumspect," he concluded.

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